

For Five Years from Dec. 25, 1786, British Ships going on the Whale Fishery must be visited by an Officer of the Customs, who shall certify the Admeasurement, etc. to the Commissioners.

rity of the same, That, for and during the Space of five Years, to be computed from the said Twentieth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and eighty-six, the Bounties herein-after mentioned shall be paid and allowed under the several Rules and Restrictions herein-after expressed and directed; (that is to say), Every British-built Ship or Vessel, owned by a British Subject or British Subjects usually residing in Great Britain, or in the Islands of Guernsey, Jersey, or Man, which shall, within the Time limited by this Act, proceed from any Port of Great Britain, or the Islands aforesaid, on the Whale Fishery, to the Greenland Seas, or Davis's Straights, or to the Seas adjacent, and which shall be manned and navigated with a Master, and Three fourths of the Mariners at least, being British Subjects, usually residing in Great Britain, Ireland, or in the Islands aforesaid, shall, before he proceeds on such Voyage, or be intitled to the Benefits of this Act, be visited by the proper Officer or Officers of the Customs belonging to such Port, who shall examine into such Ship or Vessel and take an Account of the Tonnage thereof by Admeasurement, and shall certify such his or their Visitacion, and Examination and Admeasurement, to the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs; and if it appears by the Certificate of such Officer or Officers that he hath on Board such a Number of Men, Provisions, Boats, Fishing Lines, and Instruments to be used in such Fishery, as herein-after are mentioned; that he is strongly built, and otherwise a proper Ship for such Voyage and Fishery, and hath on Board, among her Crew, a sufficient Number of Harpooners, Steerlmen, and Line Managers, who have before been employed in such Voyages, (the Names of such Persons to be contained in such Certificate); and if it further appears, by the Oath of One or more Owner or Owners, and of the Master or Chief Officer of such Ship or Vessel, written at the Foot of such Certificate, and made before the Principal Officers of the Customs of such Port, or any Two of them, whereof the Collector shall be One, (who are hereby impowered and required to administer

If such Certificate proves the Ship is fit for the Voyage,

and if Oath is made of the Intention to proceed forthwith thereon,